

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 1-5 are allowed.

Claims 1-8 have been amended.

New claims 9-13 have been added.

Applicant thanks the examiner for recognizing that claims 1-5 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. In response, independent claim 6 has been amended in independent form to more clearly recite the subject matter of an embodiment of the present invention.

Independent claim 6, as amended, recites:

... wherein the drop is centered in a flared hollow (6) that has been formed in the wall so that, at any point (CP1) of the contact limit between the drop and the hollow, said hollow has a curvature smaller than or opposite to that of a circle tangent to the hollow surface at said point and at a symmetrical point of this surface.

This amendment is fully supported by the disclosure, for example, at page 5, lines 6 through 35; page 6, lines 1 through 9; page 8, lines 11 through 32, of the specification, as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, applicant believes that claim 6, as amended, meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and is now in allowable form. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claim 6 and claims depending therefrom are requested.

Claims 1 through 8 have been further amended to replace the words "characterized in

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that" with words more appropriate to the U.S. practice.

In addition, new independent claim 9 and claims 10 through 13 depending therefrom have been added. These claims have been added to claim another embodiment according to the present invention and are fully supported by the disclosure as originally filed. The support for the new claims may be found, for example, at page 8, lines 11 through 32; page 10, lines 1 through 26; and Figures 11 and 12.

Figure 1 of the drawings stands objected to because it should be designated as Prior Art. In response, the drawing sheet 1/3 has been amended as suggested by the examiner. As illustrated in the Replacement Sheet, submitted herewith, Figure 1 is now designated as Prior Art. Accordingly, approval of the change to Figure 1 is requested.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes that all of the examiner's objections and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, have been addressed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections and rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions or there matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the examiner is cordially invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

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A check in the amount of \$42.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the independent claim fee. If there are any additional fees due and owing, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Duane Morris LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

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ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

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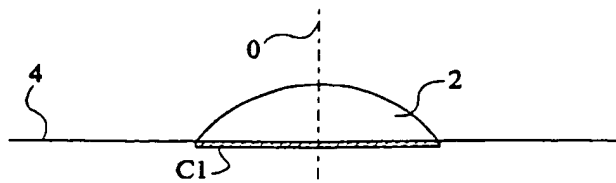


Fig 1



Fig 2

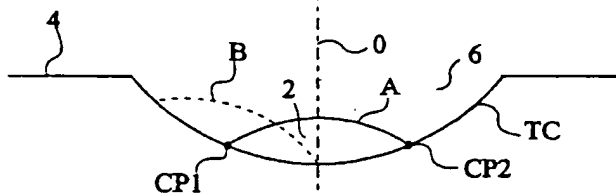


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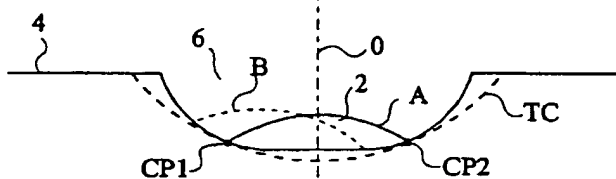


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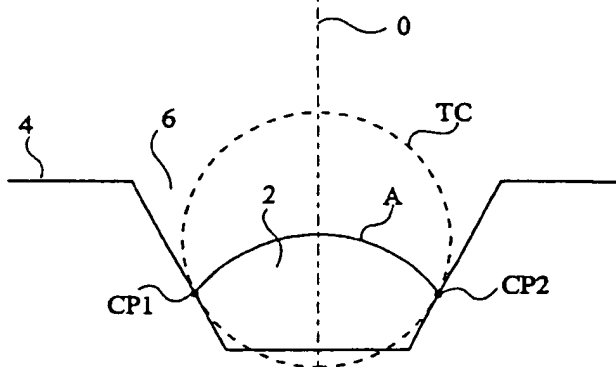


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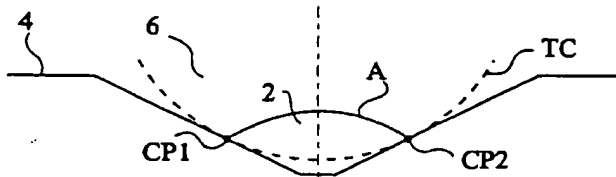


Fig 6

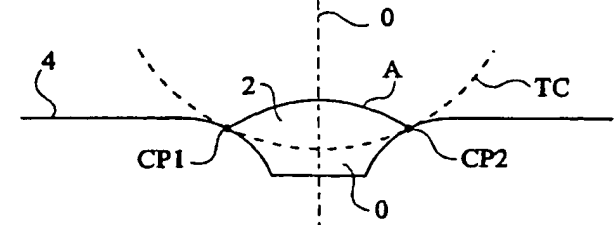


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